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"In 1953 Soviet Civil Aviation (Grazhdanski Vozdushny Flot - GVF) started using transport gliders, with great success, for air transports on these lines: Krasnovodsk-Ashkhabad, Ashkhabad-Tashkent. The gliders were of two types:

a. 'G-ll' - a glider constructed by Gribovski. It takes 1250 kg of net cargo, (or twelve persons), has telephone connection with the towing plane, and is adapted for blind flying. When released the towing cable is automatically pulled in (wourd quickly on a winch),

b. 'KTs-20; a glider constructed by Kolesnikov and Tsybin. It takes 2500 kg of net cargo, (or 24 persons), and has the same equipment as 'G-ll'. The glider is so constructed that a small motor may be Estalled on it, by means of which it can keep in the air for a certain time.

- "In 1954 these gliders are to be used extensively on the air lines of Middle Asia. They are especially suitable for various military transports in this area.
- 3. "The above transport gliders are towed by 'IL-12' type planes.
- 4. "In the town of Kuibyshev there is a testing station for GVF transport gliders."

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